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52. The program according to claim 40 further comprising a computer readable program code of determination step for, in a case of assigning at least the part of the distributed job supposed to be printed
10 by the printing apparatus to another printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized in said recognition step, determining whether the other printing apparatus which prints pages following the distributed job assigned to the printing apparatus produces a face-
15 up output,

wherein if an affirmative decision is rendered in said determination step, then in said decision step, at least the part of the distributed jobs supposed to be printed by the printing apparatus is assigned to the
20 other printing apparatus that prints the following pages.

53. The program according to claim 52, wherein if the distributed job includes the final page of the print job
25 prior to its division, then determination on a printing apparatus that prints a distributed job including the first page of the print job is performed in said

determination step instead of the printing apparatus that prints the following pages.

54. The program according to claim 42, wherein said
5 reassignment step assigns all the distributed job supposed to be performed by the printing apparatus to another printing apparatus.

55. The program according to claim 42 further
10 comprising a computer readable program code for detecting a page or pages which have been printed by the printing apparatus,

wherein, in said reassignment step, the distributed job supposed to be performed by the printing apparatus
15 except the page or pages which have been printed in said printing apparatus is reassigned to another printing apparatus.

56. The program according to claim 39, wherein the
20 status is an abnormal state in the printing apparatus, and the abnormal state includes at least either of depletion of paper and power off state.

57. A computer readable program for controlling a
25 printing system which performs printing by controlling a plurality of printing apparatuses comprising:

a computer readable program code of a recognition step for recognizing a status of a printing apparatus among said plurality of printing apparatuses; and

a computer readable program code of a decision step
5 for, in a case of assigning at least a part of a print job which is assumed to be printed by the printing apparatus to another printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized in said recognition step, deciding the other printing apparatus in accordance with
10 a paper ejection type of the other printing apparatus.

58. A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied in said medium, said product including:

15 first computer readable program code means for recognizing a status of a printing apparatus; and

second computer readable program code means for, in a case of assigning at least a part of a print job which is assumed to be printed by the printing apparatus to
20 another printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized by said first computer readable program code means, deciding the other printing apparatus in accordance with a paper ejection type of the other printing apparatus.

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59. A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code